

water. Federal and State collaboration is urgently needed and needs to be improved to make stimulus funds available for immediate relief and to relax standards that prevent water supplies from going to those who most need it.

We ask for your help to increase the water supply for California's future.

BROOKS CORLEY ATTAINS A BLACK BELT

(Mr. FLEMING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FLEMING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak of the extraordinary accomplishment recently of one of my constituents, Albert Brooks Corley.

Brooks has been in my karate class affiliated with the Shreveport Karate Club back in my hometown of Minden, Louisiana, since he was just a little guy. Today, he has grown into a tall, strong young man. After years of hard work, he was recently awarded a first-degree black belt in karate by Sensei Mikami, a karate champion and eighth-degree black belt. Having worked for years to obtain my black belt in Japanese karate, I know the hard work and persistence it takes to obtain this level of martial arts expertise.

Apart from developing into a tough, aggressive and coordinated martial artist, Brooks is a fine young man who is now completing his education in order to be gainfully employed.

Brooks is truly a model by which young people should aspire to achieve the potential that each may obtain. Therefore, I heartily commend him in his recent achievement and the many achievements ahead. Furthermore, I commend his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Corley, for raising such a fine man.

COVER THE UNINSURED WEEK

(Mr. STUPAK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise this morning to bring attention to Cover the Uninsured Week and to encourage the Congress to enact comprehensive health care reform this year.

Our Nation's health care system—which leaves more than 45 million Americans uninsured and millions more underinsured—is badly in need of reform. Practically \$56 billion in uncompensated care for the uninsured is absorbed annually by the health system, driving up the cost of insurance for everyone. Health care costs are consuming more of individuals', families', and businesses' budgets every year and represent the fastest growing piece of the Federal budget.

The economic crisis is also shedding further light on a system that is inefficient, unaffordable and out of reach for too many Americans. Americans can-

not simply wait any longer to ensure greater access to quality affordable health care.

I encourage all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to come together to enact comprehensive health care reform this year. So during this week, Uninsured Week, when Congress recognizes the plight of those Americans without health insurance, let us strive to provide all Americans with comprehensive, affordable health care now.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DESERVE A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET

(Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, President Barack Obama used a prime time news conference last night to defend his \$3.6 trillion budget plan. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office says the President's budget would run up a \$9.3 trillion debt over the next 10 years. This budget spends too much. Middle class families and small businesses are making sacrifices when it comes to their own budgets, yet Washington continues to spend trillions of taxpayers' dollars on bailouts and other government programs.

The budget taxes too much. It contains the largest tax increase in American history. The budget borrows too much. Unchecked spending will result in borrowing hundreds of billions of dollars from China and the Middle East.

Madam Speaker, the American people deserve a responsible budget from their President. This budget will guarantee that our economy will never fully recover.

GROWTH OF GREEN-COLLAR JOBS

(Mr. INSLEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, last night President Obama again reaffirmed his commitment to a clean energy policy for America, a policy that will grow millions of new green-collar jobs in this country. And he did it by, again, reaffirming his commitment to a cap-and-trade bill in this Congress this year which will drive investments into these new jobs for the next century.

The reason he is giving so much hope for Americans is that he realizes that we want Americans building the energy-efficient, partially and fully electric cars so we can sell those cars to China, so we can make the solar cells and sell them to Korea, so we can make wind turbines and sell them to Denmark.

It is this vision of Barack Obama that is going to help grow jobs in this country. And when we pass this cap-and-trade bill, two things are going to happen: money is going to go back to the American consumers to help them

buy these energy-efficient products, and we are going to create millions of new jobs.

That is a Barack Obama hope for the future, and it is going to come to pass.

WASHINGTON MUST MAKE SACRIFICES

(Mr. LEE of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, every day western New Yorkers tell me what sacrifices they are making during these tough economic times. I wish the same could be said for Washington.

This Congress has already missed two opportunities to impose fiscal restraint with the stimulus and the omnibus spending bills. Now the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office tells us that the administration's budget proposal will produce \$9.3 trillion in budget deficits over the next 10 years. As this chart demonstrates, that amount represents more than two-and-a-half times the budget deficits of the prior administration, which in itself was faulted for spending too much.

Taxpayers will be stuck paying more than \$1 trillion in interest payments on this excessive borrowing. Today's red ink will bring impossible choices for our children and our grandchildren.

We need to make Washington do more with less, just as western New Yorkers have for many years.

HONORING THE LIVES OF OAKLAND POLICE OFFICERS SERGEANT ERVIN ROMANS AND MARK DUNAKIN

(Mr. MCNERNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor four police officers who gave their lives in the line of duty in a tragic shooting in Oakland this past weekend.

I join all of Northern California in mourning their loss and honoring their sacrifice.

Two of these brave officers lived in my district. Sergeant Ervin Romans of Danville, California, was a member of the SWAT team and had served with the Oakland Police Department for 13 years. He was a recipient of the department's Medal of Valor for bravery. Erv, as he was known, leaves behind his wife and three children.

Sergeant Mark Dunakin of Tracy served with the Oakland Police Department for 18 years. He was known and respected as a passionate guardian of public safety. Sergeant Dunakin grew up in Pleasanton and is survived by his wife and three children.

These heroic officers dedicated their lives so that we might live in safety. My thoughts and prayers are with their families and their loved ones during this difficult time.